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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Official Action, the Examiner sets forth two election of species requirements, one pertaining to a first set of species and another pertaining to a second set of species. According to the instructions given by the Examiner, the Applicant is to elect one species from Species I-IV and another species from Species V-VI.

The Applicant hereby elects Species I from the first set and Species V from the second set for initial examination in this application. It is noted that if the Examiner agrees that a generic claim is allowable, then any species claim dependent upon such generic claims will ultimately be allowed.

According to the Examiner, claims 8-12, 35, 41-42, and 44 belong to Species I, while claims 2 and 5 correspond to Species V.

An action on the merits of this application is awaited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 08-2025. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 08-2025.

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